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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HUMMEL

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE US-NZ
S AND T AGREEMENT CONVEYED IN REFTEL A AND WISH TO ASSURE
YOU THAT IT WILL BE RECEIVING ALL THE SUPPORT AND
ATTENTION THAT WE CAN MOBILIZE.

2. UNDOUBTEDLY AS AN OVERSIGHT ON OUR PART, WE FIND NO
RECORD OF OUR HAVING OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED YOU AND THE
GNZ THAT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION APPOINTED
EXECUTIVE AGENT ON OUR SIDE

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MAIDEN AND BRIAN HENSHALL MUST BE AWARE OF THIS AND ARE

AT LEAST ALREADY WORKING WITH NSF ON THAT BASIS. WE REGRET THIS OVERSIGHT AND REQUEST THAT YOU SO INFORM THE GNZ BY NOTE. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NZ EMBASSY HERE AND THEY ARE AWARE THAT NSF IS THE US EXECUTIVE AGENT, BUT WILL ADVISE THEM THIS OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION IS BEING MADE.

3. FROM CONTACTS WITH NSF, SUCH AS IN CONNECTION WITH

REFTEL B, WE KNOW NSF ENERGY STAFF IS HARD PRESSED BECAUSE OF MULTIPLE INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENTS. WE DO NOT THINK HOWEVER THIS SHOULD BE ANY INDICATION THAT ITS EFFORTS WITH NZ WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE. WE DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC FUNDING FOR THIS AGREEMENT AS DOES THE NZ SIDE. OUR CONTRIBUTION AS WITH MOST OTHER S AND T AGREEMENTS WILL DEPEND UPON SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AFTER REVIEW AND APPROVAL. IN THIS CONNECTION WE UNDERSTAND THAT NSF IS STILL WAITING FOR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM BRIAN HENSHALL AS RESULT OF HIS RECENT VISIT. WILL RESPOND SEPARATELY TO REFTEL B.

4. PACE IN THESE FIRST FEW MONTHS ADMITTEDLY SLOW, BUT NZ RELATIONSHIP, INITIALLY IN ENERGY RESEARCH, ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE ENERGY EFFORTS, SOME OF WHICH QUITE FRANKLY, AT THE MOMENT ANYWAY, ARE OF HIGHER PRIORITY, E.G., WITH JAPAN. DISPARITY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF NEEDS, RESOURCES, AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE MAKES IT NECESSARILY A LONGER PROCESS IN ZEROING IN ON THOSE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS OF MOST MUTUAL INTEREST AND BENEFIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, AS NOTED ABOVE, THE BALL RESTS TO A LARGE EXTENT RIGHT NOW WITH NZ IN GETTING PROPOSALS TO THIS SIDE.

5. WE SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND HAVE REASON TO THINK YOU WILL SEE UNDERTAKING GAIN MOMENTUM. KISSINGER

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